

VILLAGE OF SOLDIERS GROVE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held August 5, 2025. Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Shayne Chapman, Marla Walsh, Harrison Heilman, and Sarah Kemp. Not Present: Vicki Campbell.

Public Input: Chapman wanted to let everyone know that Mike and Jeannette passed one of their wastewater tests, the collections systems, and are still waiting for the other two test results.

Phil Carey spoke. Said he learned a tremendous amount, after doing some research and thinking, he decided he no longer wants 3rd Street abandoned/vacated. He is now asking that the Village narrow 3rd Street by 18 feet, the Village attorney is investigating if that is something the village can do/requirements for road widths. He found out the DNR has an easement for the Baker Creek, which is about 16 feet from the middle of the creek onto his property and all other properties along Baker Creek. Trout Unlimited now maintains the DNR easement, so he is hoping they will go in and clean the deadfall out of the creek. He also stated that he found out that there is no outlet for the flood waters until it rises to 4 feet by the Fortney apartments. Phil stated he is going to talk with the owner of the apartments, Steve, and let him know that he will be opening that ditch back up. When the apartments were put in, the ditch for the flooding had been blocked off causing the drainage issues. Diane Coleman asked about the road at the end of the horse arena(Cross Street) where the storm drain is being fixed. Chapman stated that we are waiting for blacktop to become available to get that finished. There were two drains on that street with a culvert, but it was taken out due to the culvert being rusted and plugged, so there is no culvert under that road anymore.

Fire department: Not a whole lot new. Jaws training was cancelled due to the heat last week, and we will talk about when the new date will be at our meeting on Wednesday evening. Held the Crawford County Fire Officer training at our Fire Station last month. Did hose training this past Saturday.

Public Works: Finally got all the curb boxes moved that needed to be along Church Street before the road construction started. Been assisting the road construction crew with our water and sewer mains and laterals. Doing what we can to try to stay caught up on mowing around town. The Stream Bank project(Baker Creek) will be starting at any time. They are going to begin with clearing trees before they start tearing into the banks. Would like to look into utilizing the service that is offered by WRWA to get all of our water/sewer mains and laterals put into a software. All of our maps are getting old, and a lot of things that we have for references are handwritten and books are falling apart. We need to get this figured out asap. Storm drain at the end of the horse arena was talked about in public input, we are at a standstill until we can get blacktop. Things on the to-do list: replace water meter in the subdivision, take care of brush pile along Dull Road, take care of downed tree in the park, put up no parking sign on the alleyway by Karl Avenue, burn the brush pile, weed whack the cemetery, spray weeds along New Well Road, and haul sludge from the sewer plant.

Semi Parking in Public Spaces: Heilman stated that over the last 6 months, a resident has been parking on the triangle property by the dump station which is causing issues with people driving on Peterson Street as it is causing a safety hazard. Motion by Heilman, second by Walsh to put up no parking signs on the triangle property. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heilman, second by Kemp to approve minutes of the July 8, 2025 meetings. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Walsh, second by Kemp to approve bills General \$12,435.63, Fire \$334.12, Sewer \$4,325.55, Water \$503.21, and Library \$7,386.07. All present aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heilman, second by Walsh to adjourn meeting at 6:50 pm. All present aye, motion carried.